

As the author of RM-10354, which was denied on March 31, I could find fault with the proposed rulemaking. However, I do not.

The issues (relating to the "refarming" of the HF bands) have been thoroughly vetted over many years. It is now time for action.

The Commission is to be commended for going forward with this relatively non-controversial proposal, while reserving for later consideration the more recent--and controversial--proposals involving a new entry-level no-code license, restructuring of the pertinent examinations, etc.

If wishes were horses: (1) data modes would be authorized for entry-level licensees as well as telegraphy in the new HF CW allocations; and (2) some phone privileges would be authorized, perhaps along lines of those in RM-10354 (note the January 2004 submittal by the American Radio Relay League includes a recommendation for quite a lot of phone privileges for new licensees).

Nevertheless, an excellent initiative deserving of both support and prompt final action.